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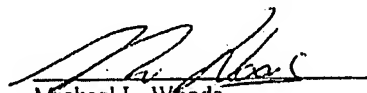
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(d), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d). The information Disclosure Statement is being filed simultaneously with a Terminal Disclaimer, an Amendment, and is accompanied by the Petition fee of \$180.00 as specified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

Review is respectfully requested, and the Examiner is asked to place his/her initials next to each reference listed on the form to indicate that the reference was considered. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(2), copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not provided.

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